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A Preacher's Perspective

The psalms have truly become a joy to my soul. I am so grateful that, about 35 years ago, I was challenged to read psalms and proverbs daily.

The schedule is simple: read the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds to the day of the month, and then pick the psalm for that day (today would be Psalm 15) then add by increments of 30 until you read five psalms (today would be 15, 45, 75, 105, and 135). This plan will take you through Psalms and Proverbs each month.

Now, I'll be honest with you. I haven't kept that schedule perfectly! But for the most part, I have done those readings and have been richly blessed. I was pleased that the Pepperdine lectures this year featured the psalms. It was great to hear these majestic texts lifted up.

If you have learned the blessing of psalm-therapy, as I have, you know how these familiar psalm-friends seem to perfectly illuminate your dark places and to join hands with your joy to make it even more perfect.

The psalms are of such interesting variety. The first psalm has been called a "wisdom psalm." It is that. It is one of the great concept psalms and gives us the key to life success in everything we do. Amazing.

Some psalms are just full of the beauty of creation and the praise that flows from that perception. "O lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name... The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Psalm 148

commands all to praise the Lord: the creation, young men and maidens, aged men and young children.

The psalms are full of glimpses of the Christ. Psalm 22 is remarkable in its anticipation of the emotions of the crucified Christ. I understand that when Jesus utters the phrase, "my God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?" he is giving the title of this psalm and referring us to its words.

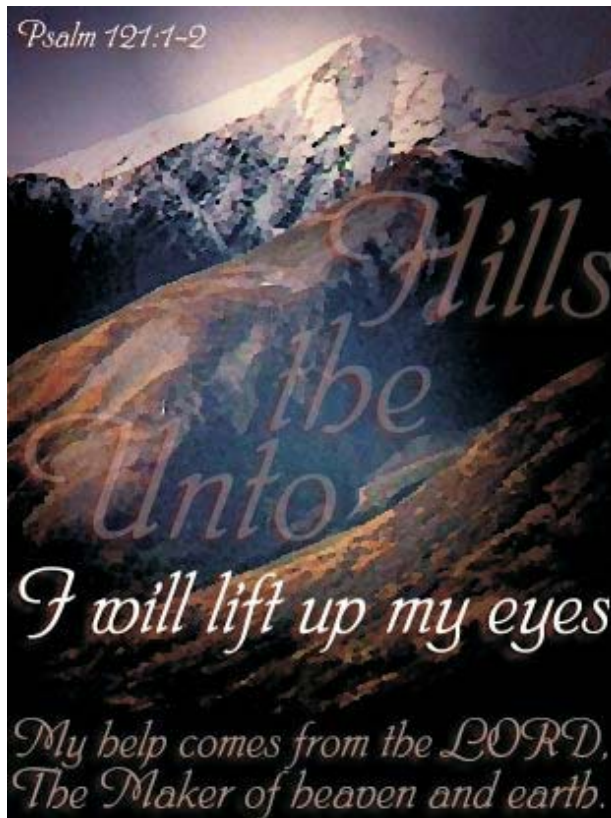
Never has there been a more powerful comfort to the human soul than the images of Psalm 23. Our shepherd. Green pastures. Heads anointed with oil. To dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A kind of psalm which may surprise us is that type called imprecatory psalms (Ps. 69, 109...). They are full of pain and depression and often call for the defeat and destruction of an enemy. They don't seem worthy of godly people, but they are true pictures of the agony of soul which we experience in the hard places of life.

These dark psalms honestly show that we long for vindication and victory over those who cause us pain and deal with us unjustly. They are not meant to show us in our ideal character, but to remind us that Jesus knows us in our

worst moments. And he still loves us and accepts our true hearts.

In the psalms, your heart will find its true home. Special phrases will become like salve to your soul and will cause your spirit to resonate with God. You just aren't complete without the light of these amazing words.



Chuck Miller

Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes begin at 9:30 and are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the teen room at the back of the auditorium. The adult class meets in the fellowship room.

Our Community Groups meet every Sunday throughout the year, except for the last Sunday of each month. The last Sunday of each month, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a time of praise and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, please speak with one of our Deacons.

A weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning worship services is available by following these instructions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Chuck Miller

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership

Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence

Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening (last Sunday of each month) . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome, Scripture & Prayer Paul Mullins

Kids Connection Jon Miller

Praise Songs Tim Boyd

#6 All Creatures of Our God and King

#207 Let the Lord be Praised O Zion

#275 O Lord, You're Beautiful

#31 Be Still and Know

Can He Still Feel the Nails?

#484 You are My All in All

Communion Jeff Ieler

Contribution and Prayer Card Collection

Sermon Chuck Miller

Invitation Song Tim Boyd

#948 I Am Resolved

Prayer Card Responses and Closing Prayer Bob Voigts

Closing Song Tim Boyd

Light the Fire

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 15 Al Dorsey, Dan Vantrees

May 18 Jeff & Kelly Ieler (anv.)

May 21 Joshua Miller

Dates to Remember

TODAY Community Groups

May 17 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 18 Seniors Breakfast

May 19 Teen Parent Connection

May 20 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 21 Teen Gathering – Gamer Night

May 22 Leadership Meeting/Praise Sunday!

May 24 Tuesday Ladies Class

May 26 Teen Parent Connection

May 27 Mens Prayer Breakfast

May 27-30 RCC Teen Retreat

June 2 Food Pantry Delivery

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Sunday Morning Worship

Wednesday Evening Bible Class

Contribution \$11,628.84

Nursery Workers Missy Day, Betsy Jett

Collection Counters Justin Avey, Paul Mullins

In Our Prayers...

Herman & Ava Bigger, Josephine Haggerton's brother and sister-in-law, are having health issues. Herman had his leg amputated below the knee because of an infection. Ava has had multiple mini heart attacks. They are both in care centers, having good days and bad days.

Levi Brown, Jarrod and Allison's son, went home from the hospital last Sunday. He is doing much, much better. He had an infection, Streptococcus Pneumoniae, that U.S. kids get a vaccination for when they are born. Since he was born in Honduras, he didn't get it, so got really sick.

Julie Dean had out-patient surgery on a vein in her leg. She is back to work, but still experiencing pain and discomfort. The doctor said it may take a year for her to fully recuperate.

Dana Howard has had her medications changed.

Benjamin Weishaar, Sally Hearn's great nephew, is having cataract surgery this Tuesday, May 17. He is just two months old. The surgery is very simple, however his ongoing care may be difficult depending upon his recuperation.

Jim Whitman is having a test tomorrow to check the artery in his leg.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Herman Aultman - Bobbie Whitman
 Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand - Lynette Root's parents
 Herman Biggers - Josephine Haggerton's brother
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Dachielle - Blake Mullins's friend
 John Day
 Al Dorsey
 Doug Dorsey - Al's son
 Joyce Duke - Bobbie Whitman's sister
 Joyce Eakins's siblings
 Brad Fowler - Joan Lockett's nephew
 Josephine Haggerton
 Lauren Helton - Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Kathy Huml - John Pedersen's sister
 Mason Hutchins - friend of Alec Boyd & Rourke Mullins
 Debbie Lawrence - Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Myrna Levake
 Anne Librande - Joanne Johnson's mother
 Jack Lockett - father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez, Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett - Joan's son
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Danielle Nichols - Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte - Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of Marion Lake's cousin
 Helen Plummer - Joan Avey's mother
 J.D. Potts - the father of Cyndi Perez
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart - Bob Voigts's cousins
 Ernie & Rose Stirrup - Kelly Ieler's parents

Joe Stone - a friend from RCC

Jim Whitman

Mom-to-Be:

Sarah Rentschler - Sally Hearn's niece

Armed forces:

Josh Aultman - Bobbie Whitman's grand-nephew is in Afghanistan

Ryan Gleason - Dana Howard's nephew

Jacob Headtke - U.S. Marines, RCC alumni

Joey Wertz - the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq

Klinton Wheeler - in training, going to Afghanistan in June

Jonathon Young - a Warrant Officer in the army

Missions:

City of Children - Ensenada, Mexico

Obadiah Doka & Family - Nigeria

Living Room Café - Chicago

Mission Lazarus - Honduras

Shults-Lewis - the teens, their families, the workers

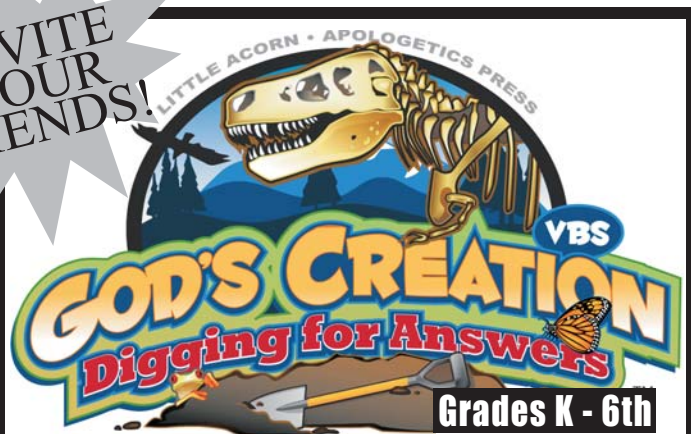
Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt - Taiwan

Teen Parent Connection - West Chicago

Students of Joe Voigts - China

Ayodele Waleola - Nigeria

INVITE
YOUR
FRIENDS!



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Check it out!! A VBS information station is available in the foyer. It includes:

- **Postcards** to mail to a friend.
- **Registration forms** for you to complete and return to the box provided. You are also welcome to distribute them to your friends!
- **Coloring pages** for our VBS decorations. Color and cut out the animal, then place it in the box provided. Please see the sample. See Julie Dean or Sally Hearn with any questions!

During VBS week, Some of our volunteers will be arriving right from work. Please see Joan Avey to provide an entree and/or dessert for their dinner.

Please see Sally Hearn or Cindy Drumheller if you would like to volunteer.

Today!

Community Groups are scheduled to meet today! The elders want to encourage everyone to get involved in their Community Group. If you are visiting with us or have not yet been a part of a group and would like to join one, see Chuck or Don. Community Groups are a great way to get to know your neighbors – those members who live the closest to you! They are also a wonderful opportunity to introduce your friends to your church family and to Jesus!



Mexico Project

There are several Bible-time robes that need the edges sewn. They need to be completed before the Mexico trip in June. Please see Frances Shearer if you can help.

Ladies Classes

The Tuesday morning Ladies Class is studying Ephesians and Colossians. There are four more lessons in the study guide, then we will stop meeting for the summer. The classes will resume in the fall.

The Wednesday evening Ladies Class is studying a series of lessons on 1 & 2 Peter. It is being led by Joanne Johnson. These are both great times of learning and fellowship.

Teen Parent Connection

Meals are needed for Teen Parent Connection meetings on May 19 and May 26. Please see Sally if you can provide all or part of a meal for 15-20 people.

Congratulations

Kyle and Kelie Wheeler's daughter Kayla just graduated from Oklahoma Christian University with a master's degree. Kayla is the youngest (age 22) to ever receive a master's degree from OCU. Kayla hopes to continue her studies and to earn a doctorate. We share the pride of the Wheeler family for all their outstanding children. Remember especially to pray for Klinton as he serves our nation in the armed forces.



On last Sunday, Emily Watson was baptized by her father. We join Kenn, Sherry and Cleta in the celebration of this eternally important event.



Join us for **Gamer Night** (video games) this **Saturday, May 21**, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the church building. Pizza will be provided. Any questions, see Jon Miller, Brian Gifford and Ian Voigts.

Rockford Christian Camp Memorial Day Retreat will be held from **Friday, May 27**, to **Monday, May 30**. It is for those who have completed grades 7-12 and the cost is \$75. **Registration forms can be found online at www.rcchome.com or in the teen room. Please register by Friday, May 13**, to give the camp ample time to plan and for you to forego a late fee of \$15. Please do not arrive at RCC before 4:00 on Friday evening, May 27.

Youth Ministry

Sunday morning teachers:

Cradle roll - Bev Day
 Ages 3-4 - Joan Avey/Julie Dean
 Grades K-2 - Terri Bray
 Grades 3-6 - Lisa Henkel
 Teens - Jon Miller,
 Brian & Shannon Gifford

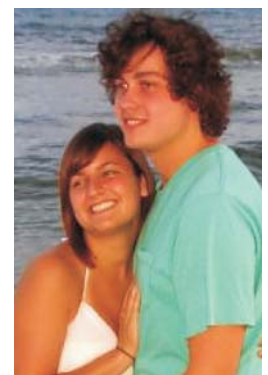
Wednesday evening teachers:

Ages 0-4 - Cyndi Perez
 Grades K-6 - Cindy Drumheller
 Teens - Chuck Miller



Wedding Open House

You are invited to a **Wedding Open House in honor of Stacy Elliot and Emma Boyd on Sunday, August 9**. It will be held in the fellowship room immediately following worship. A light lunch will be served.



Directories

OK, so you have one more week! Please let Sally know if you have any address, phone or email changes for the church directory. Also, see one of the Hearn's if you need a photo taken!